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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed February 28, 2005, please accept the format of amendment of the claims as follows.